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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY LAGOS  
INFO AMCONSUL IBADAN  
AMCONSUL KADUNA

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 113794

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, NI

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SALE OF CHINOOK HELICOPTERS TO NIGERIA

REF: STATE 091905

1. NIGERIAN AIR FORCE TEAM VISITED BOEING-VERTOL PLANT IN PHILADELPHIA, PA., MAY 2-3 AND FORT BRAGG, N.C., MAY 4-5. ACCORDING BOEING-VERTOL, ALL MEMBERS OF THE TEAM HAD HAD PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN US, WERE VERY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT US EQUIPMENT, AND SEEMED FULLY SATISFIED WITH PHILADELPHIA PORTION OF VISIT. THEY ASKED MANY QUESTIONS ABOUT OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE, AND TRAINING, STRONGLY IMPLYING THAT THEY EXPECTED TO OBTAIN CHINOOKS IN NEAR FUTURE AND THAT BASIC QUESTIONS REGARDING COST AND DESIRABILITY HAD AL-

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READY BEEN ANSWERED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE.

2. GROUP CAPTAIN FALOPE, NIGERIAN DEFENSE ATTACHE WHO ACCOMPANIED THE TEAM BOTH TO PHILADELPHIA AND TO FORT BRAGG, IS EXTREMELY PLEASED WITH RECEPTION TEAM RECEIVED IN BOTH PLACES. HE SAID TEAM RECEIVED FULL ANSWERS TO ALL OF ITS QUESTIONS AND OBTAINED ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS, IN-

CLUDING FLIGHT MANUALS.

3. ACCORDING FALOPE, TEAM MEMBERS SAID THAT FMG HAS

ALREADY WRITTEN LETTER TO EMBASSY REQUESTING FMS LETTER OF  
OFFER. LETTER SHOULD BE DELIVERED MOMENTARILY, IF IT HAS  
NOT BEEN ALREADY. FALOPE ALSO SAID THAT NAF IS COUNTING  
ON RECEIVING CHINOOKS AS EARLY AS LATE-1978.

4. WE PRESUME SOURCE OF FALOPE'S INFORMATION ON DELIVERY  
TIME IS BOEING AS FMG HAS NOT REQUESTED PRICE AND  
BUDGETING (P AND B) DATA FROM USG. HENCE, WE CANNOT  
CONFIRM POSSIBLE DELIVERY TIMES.

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